



Family Centered Services for People
with Developmental Disabilities

March 10, 2009

Dear Sir or Madam;

I am writing in support of continued funding for the SB 1093 Act Providing Funds for Municipal Matching Grants for Demand-Responsive Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities.

PARC has partnered with the Plainville Senior Center which has provided transportation for our programs. This funding has been indispensable for PARC, both for our adult clients' recreation activities and our Camp Trumbull summer program for children.

PARC is a unique, family-centered organization, one of the few in our area that offers a diverse calendar of recreation programs for our adult clients to expand their social skills and pursue new opportunities. It is essential that our clients participate in community life – go to restaurants, and on outings – without this transportation, it wouldn't be possible. PARC does not have another option that is within our organization's means.

Our summer Camp Trumbull is a popular dynamic program for children with developmental disabilities. Many of our campers also have physical limitations for which they need handicapped-accessible bussing. These children, because of this funding are able to go on camp field trips to the farm, the children's museum, and our local park's swimming pool. They are afforded a wonderful camp experience that is rich and rewarding.

Please consider our clients and maintain this funding – it has enriched their lives.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Jaczko Robinson
Executive Director